

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S675–S692

Measures Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2053–2054. **Page S689**

Safe Transportation Equity Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 1072, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S680–86**

Pending:

Modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Dorgan Amendment No. 2267, to exempt certain agricultural producers from certain hazardous materials transportation requirements. **Page S680**

Gregg Amendment No. 2268 (to Amendment No. 2267), to provide that certain public safety officials have the right to collective bargaining. **Page S680**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 1 p.m., on Monday, February 9, 2004. **Page S691**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

42 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
5 Army nominations in the rank of general.
2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.
Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Dionel M. Aviles, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Navy.

Thomas Bolling Robertson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia

Charles W. Pickering, Sr., of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 12:38 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, February 9, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S691–92.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 2 public bills, H.R. 3781–3782 were introduced. **Page H396**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H396**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1073, to repeal section 801 of the Revenue Act of 1916 (H. Rept. 108–415). **Page H396**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thornberry to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H395**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Dr. Alan N. Keiran, Chief of Staff, Office of the U.S. Senate Chaplain. **Page H395**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H395.

Senate Referrals: S. 1612 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no votes or quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:00 noon and adjourned at 12:03 p.m. **Page H395**

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 9 through February 14, 2004

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 1 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1072, SAFE Transportation Equity Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: February 10, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: February 10, to resume hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for Fiscal Year 2005 and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: February 11, Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance, to hold hearings to examine financial reconstruction in Iraq, 1 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: February 12, to hold hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 2005 budget proposals, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: February 11, to hold hearings to examine protecting children from violent and indecent programming, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: February 10, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed fiscal year 2005 budget for the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

February 11, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-366.

February 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed fiscal year 2005 budget for the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

February 12, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 1466, to facilitate the transfer of land in the State of Alaska, S. 1421, to authorize the subdivision and dedication of restricted land owned by Alaska Natives, S. 1649, to designate the Ojito Wilderness Study Area as wilderness, to take certain land into trust for the Pueblo of Zia, and S. 1910, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out an inventory and management program for forests derived from public domain land, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: February 10, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Samuel W. Bodman, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-215.

February 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine revenue proposals in the President's fiscal year 2005 budget, 2 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: February 12, to hold hearings to examine policy and programs relating to the State Department, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: February 9, to hold hearings to examine Department of Homeland Security budget for fiscal year 2005, 10 a.m., SD-342.

February 12, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense contractors who are abusing the federal tax system by either failing to file tax returns or not paying their taxes, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: February 11, to hold hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 2005 budget request, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: February 11, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine cable industry competition, 10 a.m., SD-226.

February 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine judicial nominations, 2 p.m., SD-226.

February 12, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship, to hold hearings to examine evaluating a temporary guest worker proposal, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: February 12, to hold hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 2005 budget request for the Small Business Administration, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: February 10, to hold hearings to examine the Administration's proposed fiscal year 2005 Department of Veterans Affairs' budget, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

Special Committee on Aging: February 10, to hold hearings to examine tax relief strategies for eldercare, 10 a.m., SD-628.

House Chamber

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, February 11, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Health and Human Services, 10:30 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

February 12, Subcommittee on Defense, on Secretary of Defense, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

February 12, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Labor, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

February 12, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Base Realignment and Closure, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, February 11, hearing on the Department of Defense aviation safety initiatives, 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 11, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the Department of Defense Information Systems Architecture: Are